other States; if not, 'the reasons ?

therefor? THE MINISTER OF

COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAI;

A.ARMA): (a) The Government has licenced Celular Mobile Telephone Service to the followins two compa-uies on a non-exclusive basis for Bihar Telecom. Circle;

(i) M/s. Koshika Telecom Ltd.

(ii) M/s. Reliance Telecom Pvt Lid.

(b) The proposjal for commercial launch of 'service of Mls. Koshika Telecom in Patna City of Biiiar has Lten received. *Mjs.* Reliance Tele, com are yet to start the service *hi* any city of Bihar. The reason given; by the company are iateralia general difficulties being faced by them ij. view of maximum number of circles characterized by imder developed infrastructure, etc.

(c) Nt> Sir. Separate licences have been given for each Telecom Circle and case of each circle has therelcse to be dealt separately.

Waiting list of telephone conaectios under Janpat/j Telephone *Exchange*

2347. SHRIMATI MALTI SHAR. MA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of waitin.? list of registraiits for-telephone con-rcctions under Janpath Telephone llxchange

(b) by when It would be cleared

(c) whether It is a fact that even after ins]urance of O.B. iele-

I-hone connecd»ns tmder the said exchange are not being installed;

(d) whether any tune fFiame has Leen Axed in this regard, if so, the retails thereof; and

(e) whether any inquiry has been ordered in this regard to And but the reasons for delay, if so, the c'etails thereof and the action taken F gains,! the responsible officials/ofifl-cers?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNIATI - ONS (SHRI BENl PRASAD "^ ARMA): (a) As on 1.7.1997, there 1? no waiting list in all the categories under Janpath Telephone Exchange.

(b) Not applicable in view of above.

(c) The details of pending OB ere as follows: —

(i) 168 OBs are pending dtie *to* some areas beihg technically not feasible;

(ii) 104 OBs, which were earlier tecimically non feasible, have been made feasible, are in the process of installation.

(iii) 5 OBs are pending due to subscribers' reasons.

(d) All the pending OBs are like. ly to be cleared progressively b/ 31.12.1997.

(e) Not applicable in view of (c) nbove.

Waiting list of Telephone Connections in Rourkela

;-348. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2569 given in Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1997 and state;

(a) whether the waliting Ksit ftw general category registrants for tele-T- fric connections in steel city Bour. kela of Orissa has since been clear ed

(h) 11 so, the details thereof;

(c) Jf not, the reasons therefor,